

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in the present application. Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 8-25 and the indication of allowable subject matter with respect to claims 2, 3 and 27-29.

Applicant hereby amends claim 1 by incorporating the recitations of claim 2 and canceling claim 2 without prejudice. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 and its remaining dependent claims – claims 3-7 – are in condition for allowance.

Applicant hereby amends claim 26 by incorporating the recitations of claim 27 and canceling claim 27 without prejudice. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 26 and its remaining dependent claims – claims 28 and 29 – are in condition for allowance.

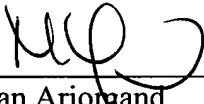
In view of the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

If, for any reason, the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 892-5630 to discuss any steps necessary to place the application in condition for allowance.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing Docket No. 393032026800.

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